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It's Never A Dull Moment Trying to Banish New Breakoutsby [KMINER](#) | Feb 09 '02**TOP REVIEWER** in Beauty**About The Author**Epinions.com ID: [KMINER](#)**ADVISOR**in [Beauty](#), [Kids & Family](#)**TOP REVIEWER**in [Beauty](#), [Kids & Family](#)Member: **Kimm**Location: **SouthWest****Virginia**Reviews written: **268**Trusted by: **417 members**

Pros: It does exfoliate, It can last a long time
Cons: Odd smell, gooey, made me break out!

The Bottom Line: *If* your skin is like mine (sensitive) - I'd say avoid this (read on)**Recommended:** No

I am a "scrubber", as stated before. I "scrub" to get dead skin cells off my clean face. I notice in the winter I get dry patches on my face, and though blemishes creep up every now and again, they go away quickly, except for those tiny flecks of dried skin left behind that can look like discolorations. Scrubbing as an action, a verb. **Origins Never A Dull Moment** however is not exactly a scrub to me, but rather a mask. No action, just apply and wait.

Why Do You Say That?

Well, per the directions from the 4.4 ounce jar:

Gently massage over clean, damp face using circular motions. Avoid eye area. For further exfoliating effects, allow to remain on skin a minute or two without scrubbing. Rinse off or remove with warm face cloth.

Though there is a *choice* listed on how to use this product, everyone I know uses this the second way - allowing it to remain on the skin for a minute or two. That is also the way that product has been explained to me at the Origins counters. It has also been the main way I have used it.

I'd think it a little too harsh to be rubbing over and over my face in a circular motion - after all the product contains finely ground Apricot and Mango Seeds - yes you can see them. I haven't really felt

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them hurt nor tear, but I cannot say that they are entirely comfortable to my skin either. Other ingredients listed include:

purified water, orange blossoms, butylenes glycol, lecithin, behenyl betaine, glycerin, polysorbate 60, propylene glycol stearate, polysorbate 20, sorbitan laurate, polysorbate 80, papaya extract, buchu, grapefruit, eucalyptus, pine, bitter almond, field mint, rose essential oils, mango seeds, mango extract, walnut shell powder, crushed apricot seeds, carnauba, papain carbomer conjugate, sodium dioctyl sulphosuccinate, sodium chloride, dimethyl isosorbide, peg 30 dipolyhydroxystearate, propylene glycol laurate, ppg 5 ceteth 10 phosphate, trisodium edta, silver chloride, potassium sorbate, phenoxyethanol, methyl, ethyl, propyl and butylparaben, titanium dioxide

What Does It Look Like?

Origins Never A Dull Moment comes in a jar with a screw off lid. For me, I prefer scrubs that come in a tube, and squeeze out easily. With this product however, you have to scoop your hands down in it. I do find at times that I will get the product under my finger nails if not careful.

The product itself looks like what my aunt used to call "throw up cake" (pineapple upside down cake). It is thick, almost like honey, and to get it to spread well I find I need more than just a damp face, I need damp hands and fingers also. It looks fairly see through and lightly colored and you can visibly "see" the grains of nuts and such in it. **Origins Never A Dull Moment** stays put on my face for the few minutes I let it sit before I wash it off. It does rinse off easily though, which I was surprised about, seeing as it seems so thick.

This product has the most peculiar odor. A little "foody" but also sort of odd. It seemed unpleasant at first, and then I got used to it more and more. I am finally to the point now where it intrigues me more than anything, trying to find out just what it reminds me of.

Why I Don't Recommend It

First let me say, if this works for you, great. Every product doesn't match every face and skin type, and we all have our own areas we need to work on. **For me** and those with similar skin, I would not suggest using the **Never A Dull Moment**. I have combination skin, and I'd say it to be on the sensitive side (turns red with pressure or a washcloth, have to use Non Perfumed detergents, can't use products with alcohol, etc). My face can "handle" a scrub, and a mask, but not a scrub mask - and certainly not one with these or similar products. To be fair, I have never had much success with any face product that contains a lot of fruits - for example St. Ives apricot scrub, Freeman's scrubs, anything with mango, papaya and the like. The only "food" type product I have found I can tolerate so far is the Grapefruit found in Origins Have A Nice Day Lotion.

I do feel "clean" after using this, and I notice a decrease in flakes. I also notice that it's too harsh to use more than 1-2 times a week, and I have to scrub every other day, which would rule this product out even if I liked it more.

My biggest complaint is that I find that my face breaks out within 24 hours after each time I use the scrub. After doing some reading and asking around, I have realized that there are some products that seem to "bring the oil to the surface". Meaning the breakouts would be temporary and in theory are bringing out the oils in my skin, and at a later date this would not happen. I don't know about anyone else, but I don't *want* to have breakouts for a few months or even weeks "waiting for a product to work." Especially when I have found other scrubs that never break me out as this one does. Let whatever I have under my skin stay buried for all I care.

Should you be inclined to try this scrub, it should last a long time - seeing as it is recommended to use 1-2 times a week, and it only takes about a quarter size amount to use.

I prefer more fine grained scrubs - my top 2 current favorites are Origins Swept Clean and Estee Lauder's So Polished.

I really like Origins commitment to more natural products, and to date I have been enormously pleased with the helpfulness and professionalism at their counters. Origins can be purchased at many larger department store counters or online at www.origins.com Often you can request a sample of a product when at the counter - this greatly helps in trying something before making the commitment to buy.

R view r's Skin Type: Combination
Length of Use : 1 to 5 Months

Amount Paid (US\$): gift
Skin Compatibility: Caused skin breakouts
Fragrance: Offensive scent

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